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**Mail Stop Amendment**

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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 11, 2008, and having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on November 11, 2008. The Applicant submits the following responsive amendment in the above-identified application. Applicant believes this amendment places the application in better condition for allowance.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.